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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Trudy Logan and her venue "Along Came Trudy."

As a professional meeting planner with over 20 years experience in the meetings and events industry, working nationally, as well as internationally, I can tell you that working with Trudy is on par with our industry leaders. She is a professional who will go out of her way to make your event a notch or two better than you anticipated, while staying within legal, OLCC and food safety guidelines.

Her brainchild, Along Came Trudy, was a natural progression and manifestation of her creativity. Personally, I have held two functions there and have referred several others. Everyone who attends a function there is as appropriately impressed as they should be and tells all their friends. She doesn't have to advertise, because her product is so unique and she manages it so well.

Putting aside what a creative and smart business woman Trudy is, economically and publically, the venue she has created fills a niche in the local events industry and is a benefit to the local economy.

Springfield is lacking in unique event space. There is nothing quite like Along Came Trudy in the Eugene/Springfield metro area. Her occupancy illustrates the need for this type of space. It is important to point out that her success helps other local businesses, as well. People who use Along Came Trudy generally also use local rental companies, caterers, florists, hotels and other supporting businesses.

We are lucky to have Along Came Trudy in our community. My business and many others are thankful to have it as a resource and ask that you support her by allowing her to stay in business. It would be a shame to lose something as special as this.

I am unable to be at the hearing in person, but am available by phone or via email should you have questions or are in need of additional information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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